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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 23, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1-24 stand rejected.

Applicants note that the present application was filed with informal drawings for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be submitted upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

The rejection of Claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,056,001, Sexton et al. is respectfully traversed.

Sexton et al. describe a method for configuring a smart module which is coupled to a programmable logic controller wherein the controller includes an initial configuration file which specifies an initial configuration for the smart module. A control program is provided to the PLC to control the operation of the PLC with respect to a particular controlled process. When the PLC is first powered on and initialized, a configuration file which is contained in

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